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In re application of:

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MELANOMA AND BREAST CANCER IN PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED TUMOR DRAINING LYMPH NODES BY

MULTIMARKER QUANTITATIVE RT-PCR

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Advisory Action and Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment for the above-identified application:

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	10	-	33	**	0	LG=\$50 SM=\$25	\$	\$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	3	-	4	***	0	LG=\$200 SM=\$100	\$	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$360 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$180								\$
ADDITIONAL SIZE FEE (IF ANY) (TOTAL PAGES OF SPEC AND DRAWINGS TOGETHER) \$250 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 50 SHEETS								\$
						Т	OTAL	\$

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Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims

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Respectfully submitted, HOGAN & HARTSON L.L.P.

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